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San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Philadelphia, Junin, Rangoon, Tocopilla, Kaipara, Geelong, Demerara, Melbourne, and Buenos Ayres.

The Norwegian ship *Prince Arthur* was from the last-mentioned port. After receiving orders and landing a sailor suffering from dropsy, she proceeded to Hull to discharge her cargo of wheat.

The ship anchored some distance from shore, and it is to be hoped that none of the rats aboard got to land. I have not seen the sick sailor, but his physician informs me that he is improving rapidly.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Smyrna declared infected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that I am in receipt of a note from the Italian ambassador at this capital stating that his Government has declared the port of Smyrna infected with plague, and subjected to the quarantine in force against Egyptian ports.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, May 28, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended May 26, 1900: May 21, the Italian steamship *Vincenzo*, Florio, Genoa to New York; 49 steerage passengers and 40 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. May 24, the German steamship *Aller*, for New York; 25 cabin and 78 steerage passengers and 95 pieces of baggage were passed. On the same day, the Spanish steamship *Leon XIII*, for New York via Barcelona; 5 cabin and 3 steerage passengers were passed. May 26, the British steamship *Trojan Prince*, for New York via Naples; 4; cabin and 42 steerage passengers and 36 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed.

Respectfully,

RUPERT BLUE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MALTA.

VALETTA, May 12, 1900.

SIR: In continuance of my reports on quarantine regulations, dated May 3 and May 8, I have to inform the Department that a Malta Government notice issued to-day adds the following to that already sent the Department: "To head 2, the following section—:" (c) Vessels arriving from Egypt. In head 3, the words "Vessels and" have been omitted and the words "and Smyrna will be required to undergo a period of 12 days' quarantine" have been added. In head 5, the words "or Smyrna" have been added after the word "Egypt," in section (c).